

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, May 19th, 2011

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 19th, 2011, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center, at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Park Board President – Ron Bennett, Park Board Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox and Synda Waters. Parks Director - John Tate and Park Board Secretary – Debra Scott.

Board member Don Oeth was not present.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the April 21st, 2011, meeting was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for May 19th, 2011, was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No new business to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hedges- Mr. Tate stated he was invited to an open house at the Hedges Central Elementary School. The open house was for anybody interested in using the building for office space or the gymnasiums for sports etc. Mr. Tate stated there were a few groups that showed up with different interests in mind. Ivy Tech was one group that showed up looking at the opportunity to hold evening classes at Hedges. Mr. Kelly Cox asked Mr. Tate what were his intentions with the skating rink. Mr. Tate stated it was too early to say. He said we would need to meet and discuss our options. It would be nice to have multiple locations depending on the cost to operate. Mr. Tate stated this might not be a permanent move; in case Hedges would be used as a school again. The school system would like to see Hedges in use and hopefully cover the cost of utilities. At this point, we are looking at a few options. Which include use of the gyms, moving Parks offices to Hedges and possibly utilizing part of the school for a community center. Mr. Kopatich will present the ideas and input he receives in June at a School Board meeting.
2. Equipment (Declare junk)- Mr. Tate stated the Parks Department has an old John Deere lawn mower that is not running that we would like to get rid of. He requested the Board to declare it junk so the department could get rid of it. Mr. Linc Baro made the motion to declare the old lawn mower as junk, Kelly Cox seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

3. Dog Park- Mr. Kelly Cox stated he had someone approach him about possibly fencing in an area and having a dog park here in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Cox stated this person said he would contact Home Depot about getting the fencing donated, if the Board would approve a dog park. Mr. Tate stated the Parks Dept. could support the idea of a dog park, but more specifics would be needed. Mr. Cox said he would pass the information along to the individual and gather more information for future meetings.

Mr. Tate stated he will give the Board a brief update on the swimming pool. Due to all the rain the contractors are not going to be finished as scheduled. Mr. Tate stated the fire dept. will help fill the pool when it is ready. As of meeting time Mr. Tate is unsure of when the swimming pool will open. Mr. Kelly Cox suggested to run ads in the local newspapers to let the public know ahead of time that Brittlebank swimming pool will not be opening Memorial Day weekend.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kelly Cox and seconded by Linc Baro.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16th, 2011, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.